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Article XVII - Quadrennial Elections

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3 The purpose of this Article is to reduce the number of elections by providing that
4 all State and county elections shall be held only in every fourth year, and at the time
5 provided by law for holding congressional elections, and to bring the terms of
6 appointive officers into harmony with the changes effected in the time of the
7 beginning of the terms of elective officers. The administrative and judicial officers of
8 the State shall construe the provisions of this Article so as to effectuate that purpose.
9 For the purpose of this Article only the word "officers" shall be construed to include
10 those holding positions and other places of employment in the state and county
11 governments whose terms are fixed by law, but it shall not include any appointments
12 made by the Board of Public Works, nor appointments by the Governor for terms of
13 three years.

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15 Except for a special election that may be authorized to fill a vacancy in a County
16 Council under Article XI-A, Section 3 of the Constitution, elections by qualified voters
17 for State and county officers shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday
18 of November, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and on the same day in
19 every fourth year thereafter.

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21 All State and county officers elected by qualified voters (except judges of the
22 Circuit Courts, judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, judges of the Court of
23 Appeals and judges of any intermediate courts of appeal) shall hold office for terms of
24 four years, and until their successors shall qualify.

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26 All officers to be appointed by the Governor shall hold office for the terms fixed
27 by law. All officers appointed by County Commissioners shall hold office for terms of
28 four years, unless otherwise duly changed by law.

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30 Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this Article do not apply or refer to:

31 (1) members of any elective local board of education; OR

32 (2) ~~COUNTY OFFICERS OF~~ THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
33 CECIL COUNTY.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
35 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act
36 affects only one county and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
37 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments apply.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
2 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
3 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
4 November, 2000 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
5 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
6 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
7 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against
8 the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
9 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
10 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
11 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.